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[Please join us for a presentation by,
'Anti-Bullying Task Force' of the Greater Grand Traverse Region](#)

Volunteer Services invites all interested volunteers to attend an in-service on Tuesday, January 15th from 4-6 p.m. with the 'Anti-Bullying Task Force' of the Greater Grand Traverse Region. This presentation will be a joint January meeting for all CASA and Learning Partner Volunteers.

As recently stated in USA Today, "It is estimated that 13 million American children are teased, taunted and physically assaulted by their peers, making bullying the most common form of violence our nations youth experience in 2012." The purpose of the 'Anti-Bullying Task Force' is to eliminate bullying in our local area, by presenting information on the two main approaches to putting a stop to this epidemic; prevention and intervention.

This task force is made up of a number of community members involved in local schools, support agencies, and community outreach programs. The members of this group are focused on 3 main goals;

- Serving as a resource provider concerning the topics of bullying and prevention to the Community.
- Being committed to providing on-going educational opportunities related to bullying and prevention.
- Collaborating with other local area agencies, organizations and service providers in order to fulfill its mission of ending bullying.

Please join us for this meeting to learn some practical tactics and scenarios where you might be able to help and/or provide support for kids you are working with who may be going through this. All volunteers are welcome to attend this valuable in-service, please call the office at 922-4827 to let us know you are coming.



Remembering Judy



It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of our former co-worker, Judy Sanders. Judy worked in our Volunteer Services Office for 6 years, retiring at the end of last year.

We will remember Judy as our “go to gal” who enjoyed helping us water the plants, typing the newsletter, and making the greeting cards we used in our office. Judy had a big smile and a big heart, we all will miss her.



As Judy would say,
“Happy Trails to You”.

January:

Kathleen Packer
Florence Morrison
Holli Ringgenberg
Alfred Wilkins
Caroline Hirth
Daniel Briggs
Henry Tenbrink
Mary Myers
Caron Alpers
Renee Stout
Pat Wazny

February:

Cathy Sevensma
Nancy Ferrar
Elizabeth Leden
Nancy Fraser
Valerie Doman
Kay Velker
Kathryn Moran
Donna Thoma
Lynn Troutman
Cheryl Hains
John Roeser
Sophia DeLonghi

Tanya Prince-Stolz
Marie Hanis
Gina Dewildt
Joan Wigton
Suzetta Summers
Beth Rideout
Susan Green
Matthew Dohm

Adoption Day 2012



Judge Stowe’s final Adoption Day was a huge success, with 21 children being adopted, in hearings held at the Hagerty Center. Judge Stowe has been quoted as saying, “this is my favorite day of the year, and one of my favorite parts about this job.”

Thank you to all of our VIP’s who helped out with this very special event; Lynn Troutman, Laura Alanson, Ruth Bay, Christina Riddle, Barbara Grewe and Cheryl Bzdok.

Grand Traverse County has recently released a vehicle use, business policy. Copies are available in our office, stop in and see us.



Thank You to all those who brought in treats to the office during the holiday, they were enjoyed by many!



Cheers for Honk Jr.

Nine Learning Partner Students and their Learning partner Volunteers were in attendance at the December 15th matinee of “Honk Jr.” at the Old Town Playhouse. Everyone enjoyed the production, a musical version of “The Ugly Duckling”. Some of the students were inspired to pursue the stage in the future! One student remarked that she enjoyed the activity, especially “when ugly was treated right”. Another said that she “didn’t want to leave!”. Thank you to all of the Volunteers that helped make this special event available to their students!

January Meeting

Please take note of the January meeting date change. We will meet January 15th to explore the topic of bullying with a Guest Speaker (see pg. 1). February will be back on our regular 1st-Tuesday schedule (Feb. 5th at 4:00 p.m.).

Students Available

If you are considering taking on an additional student, or would like to find out more about Learning Partners, please contact Laura at 922-4827. We have a few students available, including one looking for a tutor trained in the Orton-Gillingham method. Thank You!

Identification

In wake of the tragedy in Connecticut, TCAPS has increased security measures. We have heard from Traverse Heights that all Volunteers need to wear their ID’s at all times. They want Learning Partner Volunteers wearing their ID on a lanyard, hanging from their neck. (You still need to sign in and greet the office staff, they will be expecting you to be wearing your ID.)

This is a good opportunity to check in with the schools and ask if there are new safety policies which might include you as a volunteer in their school. Thank You!

January Meeting– Please see page 1 for details on a special in-service with the ‘Anti-Bullying Task Force’ of the Greater Grand Traverse Region.

February Meeting– To be announced.

CASA Training 2013 is set to run February 28th-April 11th.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming the voice for a child in court, please contact our office at 922-4827. A pre-registration interview is required to begin training.

This comprehensive training will take place here at our offices over a 30 hour period and include facilitator’s from 7 different human service agencies in our area.

New this year; Leelanau County will be joining the Grand Traverse County CASA as a satellite program.

Many thanks to our CASA Training Team:

Mike Long-Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem

Jo Bullis-Women’s Resource Center

Carolyn Bearinger-Women’s Resource Center

Shelley Burns– Addiction Treatment Services

Jill Kimball-Lakeview Counseling

Megan Heethuis-DHS

Barb Cross-Maple Clinic

Amanda Steele-Asst. Prosecuting Atty.

Nina Merten-Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem

BEST WISHES!!!



An Evening Honoring
Judge David L. Stowe
November 20, 2012

JUDGE STOWE



Honorable David L. Stowe
Grand Traverse County
Probate Court
13th Circuit Court
Family Division
2001 - 2012





GRAND TRAVERSE AREA LITERACY COUNCIL



The holidays are now history for yet another year and winter is upon us. That may be good or bad news depending on whether we have snow or don't and whether you like snow or not.

In any event, GTALC is moving along with student/tutor assessments, placements, and ongoing tutoring engagements.

In fact this April (the date is not yet finalized) we will offer a tutor training workshop. Anyone interested in training should call our office (922-4576) and leave a message. Remember if you can read and would enjoy helping another adult to become a reader, you already possess the most important qualifications of a tutor.

Our annual book sale is also scheduled in April. As usual the book sale will be at Grand Traverse Mall. If you wish to volunteer (help set up, take a shift during the sale or help with cleanup at the end), please call the office.

If you have donations (books [children's and/or adult books of any genre], CDs or DVDs), call our office for details regarding dropping them off.

Lastly, GTALC wishes to recognize and thank the Honorable David L. Stowe, Probate and Family Court Judge for his 11 years of support to GTALC. Judge Stowe has been a champion of literacy throughout his tenure and has provided GTALC facilities in the Hall of Justice in Traverse City. We deeply appreciate that support and offer best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson

President Grand Traverse Area Literacy Council





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Happy
New Year!

* All meetings are held at the Volunteer
Services office unless otherwise mentioned.

LEARNING PARTNERS

1st Tuesday—4:00—5:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 15th (see pg. 1)
Tuesday, Feb. 5th



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday – 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 15th (see pg. 1)
Tuesday, Feb. 19th



LITERACY COUNCIL

3RD Wednesday – 6:00 pm
Traverse Area District Library

Wednesday, Jan. 16th
Wednesday, Feb. 20th



Our office will be closed on:

Tuesday, January 1st, Happy New Year!
Monday, January 21 (Training Day)
Monday, February 18 (President's Day)

Community Events

January 12th, 19th Annual Downtown
Chili Cook-Off, @ Park Place

February 9, Winter Microbrew & Music
Festival

February 14-17, Traverse City Winter
Comedy Festival, Downtown & State
Theatre

February 15-18, Cherry Capital Winter
WOWfest, Downtown TC, Grand
Traverse Resort & Spa, Mt. Holiday